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Investigative Report Released for January's Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting in Crofton

BALTIMORE, MD (October 3, 2022) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Office of the Attorney General today released its investigative report of the January 30, 2022, fatal officer-involved shooting in Anne Arundel County.

On January 30, at approximately 4:05 a.m., officers with the Anne Arundel County Police Department responded to the 900 block of Danville Court in Crofton after a woman called 911 to report that she was having a dispute with her son, Dyonta Quarles Jr., and he would not let her leave her bedroom. When officers arrived on scene, the 911 caller stated that she could not get to the front door and instructed officers to enter the house. Officers forced entry into the home and proceeded to an upstairs bedroom where the caller and Mr. Quarles were located. Officers gave Mr. Quarles commands to get on the ground. Mr. Quarles initially complied with officers' commands to get on the ground. A few seconds later, as officers approached him, however, he got up and sat back on the bed. Mr. Quarles then ran out of the bedroom and tackled Officer Jonathan Ricci to the ground, repeatedly punching him in the head. Officers were able to pull Mr. Quarles off Officer Ricci and hold him on the ground. While officers were attempting to put Mr. Quarles in handcuffs, Mr. Quarles bit down on Officer Ricci's fingers and did not let go. Officer Ricci then unholstered his weapon and shot Mr. Quarles. Mr. Quarles was pronounced dead on the scene. Officer Ricci, who was in and out of consciousness, was taken to a hospital and treated for his injuries.

The IID concluded its investigation on August 24 and forwarded its investigative report to the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office on August 30. The Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office notified the IID on September 7 of its decision not to prosecute the case.

The IID's report contains detailed investigative findings and an analysis of relevant legal issues. Because the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office—not the IID—retains prosecution authority in this case, the report does not make any recommendations as to whether any individual should or should not be charged. A copy of the investigative report can be found [here](#).

By law, the IID's report must remain confidential until any related prosecution is completed or the State's Attorney's Office declines to prosecute. If the local State's Attorney decides to prosecute the matter, the IID will release the report, with appropriate redactions for confidentiality, within 30 days of a final judgment of all defendants in the case. If the local State's Attorney declines to prosecute, the IID will release the report, with appropriate redactions for confidentiality, within 30 days of that determination.

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